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TIONAL MARINE SECURITY GUARD

REF: STATE 210312; STATE 214614; STOCKHOLM 4292

1. SUMMARY. THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR EMBASSY STOCKHOLM HAS GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY TO IMPROVING ITS SECURITY PROTECTION. WHILE THERE ARE NO DOUBT OTHER POSTS WHERE THE RISKS OF TERRORIST ATTACK ARE GREAT, THE THREAT IN STOCKHOLM IS QUITE CONSIDERABLE. REASONS INCLUDE THE RELATIVE OPENNESS OF THE SWEDISH FRONTIERS, AND FAMILIARITY WITH STOCKHOLM ON THE PART OF THE JAPANESE RED ARMY AND BAADER MEINHOF TERRORISTS, AMONG OTHERS, DEVELOPED DURING YEARS IN WHICH SWEDEN SEEMED A SAFE BASE. THE HEAVILY DAMAGED PREMISES OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY NEXT DOOR ARE A CONSTANT REMINDER.

2. RECENT IMPROVEMENTS TO PHYSICAL SECURITY INCLUDE A CONTROL GATE FOR THE EMBASSY'S ENTRANCE AND PARKING AREA, NEW ALARM SYSTEM, CCTV AND BULLETPROFF GLASS DOORS. SOME OF THESE MEASURES INCREASE THE PROTECTION AFFORDED THE CONSULAR SECTION. OUR TRADE CENTER AND CULTURAL CENTER PREMISES, AT SEPARATE LOCATIONS IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY, REMAIN MORE VULNERABLE THAN THE CHANCERY PREMISES, BUT MEASURES ARE UNDERWAY TO INCREASE SECURITY AT THESE LOCATIONS AND
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ARE INCLUDED IN OUR LAST ANTI-TERRORIST BUDGET REQUEST

(STOCKHOLM 4292).

3. SINCE THE BUDGET WAS SUBMITTED, THE THREAT TO STOCKHOLM PREMISES HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT MORE SPECIFIC (SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, STATE 214614). THE CONCLUSION WE DRAW FROM OUR MOST RECENT ANALYSIS OF OUR SITUATION IS THAT WE NEED TO ADD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ONE ADDITIONAL MARINE WATCHSTANDER TO OUR MSG COMPLEMENT OF SIX WATCHSTANDERS AND ONE NCOIC. END SUMMARY.

4. WE RECENTLY INCREASED OUR MSG DETACHMENT FROM 5 TO 6 WATCHSTANDERS AND ESTABLISHED A SECOND MSG DAY POST. THIS ADDITIONAL 6-HOUR/DAY POST PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR MOST ACCESS POINTS TO THE EMBASSY WHICH ARE UNOBSERVABLE FROM THE MSG MAIN LOBBY POST AND COINCIDE WITH THE HOURS THE CONSULAR SECTION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND THIS POST TO A 9-HOUR/DAY WATCH GIVING US CONTINUOUS COVERAGE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS--WHEN TERRORIST ATTACKS WOULD MOST LIKELY OCCUR. HOWEVER, AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH CO. "A" MSG BN AND OUR OWN REVIEW OF THE SITUATION, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WITH THE PRESENT 6 WATCHSTANDERS IT IS IMPRACTICAL, DUE TO WORKLOAD AND IRRECONCILABLE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, TO ATTEMPT AN EXPANSION OF THE ADDITIONAL DAY WATCH WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN OUR COMPLEMENT.

5. AFTER A THOROUGH EVALUATION OF THE CONTINUING TERRORIST THREAT, WE CONSIDER THIS EXPANDED POST AS NOT ONLY PRUDENT BUT ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE INTERNAL DEFENSE POSTURE. AT OUR PRESENT STAFFING STRENGTH THE ADDITIONAL MSG POST WOULD MEAN AN AVERAGE WATCHSTANDER WORK WEEK OF 46 HOURS INCLUDING THE 1/9TH FACTOR BUT EXCLUDING OUR ALERT STATUS AND SPECIAL TRAINING CLASSES. WITH THE ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDER IT WOULD BRING THE WORK WEEK DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY 40 HOURS AND ALLOW US TO MAINTAIN THIS EXTRA DAY WATCH UNDER ALL BUT EXTREME CONDITIONS.

6. THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER HAS EVALUATED THIS SITUATION AND CONCURS WITH THE REQUEST.

7. THE ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE MSG REQUEST IS AS FOLLOWS:
ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDER - \$3,400 (VARIOUS
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ALLOWANCES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1975--JUNE 1976).

8. THIS AMOUNT AND POSITION WAS NOT A PART OF STOCKHOLM'S ORIGINAL ANTI-TERRORIST BUDGET REQUEST (STOCKHOLM 4292). HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS (REFERENCE STATE 214614) HAVE CAUSED US TO RE-EVALUATE OUR STANCE WITH THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ADDITIONAL MARINE IS NEEDED.

9. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROMPTLY
APPROVE AND FUND THIS REQUEST.
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